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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The 14th Amendment of the United States  
3           Constitution clearly states that all persons born in the United  
4           States are citizens of the U.S. and the state in which they  
5           reside; and

6           WHEREAS, For over 100 years, the United States Supreme  
7           Court has upheld that citizenship be granted to all individuals  
8           born on U.S. soil, regardless of their parent's citizenship  
9           status; and

10           WHEREAS, A repeal of the 14th Amendment would have dire and  
11           costly effects on the State of Illinois, due to the creation of  
12           a lengthy bureaucratic process to confer U.S. citizenship; and

13           WHEREAS, Denying citizenship to certain U.S.-born children  
14           would create a permanent group of non-citizens and the  
15           potential for a stateless segment of the population; and

16           WHEREAS, Legislators have initiated a campaign to amend the  
17           United States Constitution in a way that undermines a pillar of  
18           U.S. civil rights; and

19           WHEREAS, The majority of immigrants come to this country to  
20           work or to reunite with family members already residing in the

1 U.S.; and

2 WHEREAS, The residents of the State of Illinois deserve  
3 real solutions to address the undocumented population present  
4 in our state, not costly political distractions; therefore, be  
5 it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
8 we condemn divisive efforts to create two classes of citizens  
9 and to deny innocent children their constitutional right to  
10 U.S. citizenship through the repeal of the 14th Amendment of  
11 the United States Constitution or other measures; and be it  
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That we show our strong support for upholding the  
14 Constitution and its definition of citizenship.